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Civil Process Section

NORTH CAROLINA

☒ Affidavit of Service

GASTON COUNTY

☐ Affidavit of Non-Service

M. Erwin 6195, being first duly sworn deposes and says that he/she is a citizen and resident of the United States of America; he/she is and was an authorized process server in Gaston County, North Carolina; he/she was over the age of twenty-one years; he/she is and was not a party not interested in this action.

SUMMONS/COMPLAINT

This affiant received the said \_\_\_\_\_  
on the 21ST day of April 2025 to be served on AMERICAN LEGACY PARTNERS, INC VIA MARK MERRITT

and returned as follows:

☒ personally served the same on American Legacy Partners inc <sup>(via Mark Merritt)</sup> on the 23rd day of April, 2025

☐ served the same on \_\_\_\_\_ by leaving copies with \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

☐ unable to serve for the following reason:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
23 day of April, 2025

Yvonne Lavery  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: June 4, 2028

Chad Hawkins  
Gaston County Sheriff

By: [Signature] 6195  
Deputy Sheriff

AO 440 (Rev. 06/12) Summons in a Civil Action

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of South Carolina



Jay Connor

Plaintiff(s)

v.

American Legacy Partners, Inc., Jeremy Wilson  
Individually, Mark Merrill Individually and John Does  
1-10

Defendant(s)

Civil Action No. 2:25-cv-00553-JD-MGB

## SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address) American Legacy Partners, Inc.  
302 Carmel Hills Drive  
Gastonia, NC 28056

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

Jay Connor  
215 East Bay Street 201-F  
Charleston, SC 29401  
jayc650@hush.com

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

Date: 2/19/2025



CLERK OF COURT

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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